

Community Development Advisory Commission Meeting
May 4, 2006

The Community Development Commission met on Thursday, May 4, 2006 in the City Hall Council Chambers located at 221 East Main Street, Round Rock, Texas. The meeting was called to order at 6:37 pm. The following commissioners were present for roll call: Rodney Howard, Rick Guzman, Martha Chavez, Dina Schaefer. Karen Adair-Murphy and Stephanie Baker were absent.

The Chairman opened the meeting and asked if there were any persons who wished to speak prior to the agency presentations.

Jesus Franco, 208 South Blair Street, Round Rock, Texas 78664. Mr. Franco represented the residents of the downtown Round Rock area and spoke of the need for sidewalks, street and drainage improvement for East Main Street beyond the Trinity Care nursing home. Two residents have complained to Mr. Franco that the area does not drain well and sludge builds up. He stated that there is also a problem with stagnant water and said it is a health issue and a hazard to children.

Minutes: March 2, 2006

Motion: Commissioner Rick Guzman moved to approve the March 2, 2006 minutes as submitted. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Martha Chavez.

<u>Vote:</u>	<u>Ayes:</u>	Rodney Howard
		Rick Guzman
		Dina Schaefer
		Martha Chavez
	<u>Noes:</u>	None
	<u>Absent:</u>	Karen Adair-Murphy
		Stephanie Baker

Motion carried unanimously.

4A Consider presentation of the 2006-2007 applications for the Community Development Block Grant

Mona Ryan advised the Commission that all agencies requesting funding were present or had a representative present to make a brief presentation of their behalf. The speakers could be asked to appear in the order of the packet, with the exception of the Round Rock Housing Authority. Ms. Green requested to go first because she had to leave early. The Chairman agreed and started the presentation process.

1. Ebby Green, Executive Director, Round Rock Housing Authority.

The Housing Authority is requesting \$15,000 to fund a temporary position for a person to perform a marketing analysis, for attorney fees, and predevelopment costs. She explained that the city's population has greatly increased but public housing still has the same 100 original housing units built in the 1970's. The waiting list is getting longer due to the number of new service industry jobs being created, but no affordable housing has been developed to handle this need.

2. Joy Dillman, Program Director, Bluebonnet Trails CMHMRC PRIDE ECI

PRIDE is requesting \$4,000 for therapy equipment for infants and toddlers with disabilities. Equipment is inventoried and loaned out to families. When equipment is no longer needed, it is recycled for another infant or toddler to use, except for equipment with mouth pieces. Chairman Howard pointed out a math error on the application.

3. Collin Cook, Program Services Coordinator, Children's Support Coalition

The agency is requesting \$5,000.00 for counseling services for children in middle and elementary schools with mental health issues, such as bi-polar disorders, ADA, or victims of sexual abuse.

4. Mona Ryan, Community Development Coordinator speaking for Rick Clark Code Enforcement.

This city department is requesting \$5,000.00 for a new program to assist individuals who have a financial hardship and cannot pay to have code violations abated. Examples of violations include tall grass and weeds, brush, or filth & rubbish violations.

5. Mona Ryan, Community Development Coordinator requested \$150,000.00 for the Home Repair Program to assist homeowners with repairing substandard homes. The limit will increase from \$15K to \$20K per house. The program will concentrate on the areas of town where homes were constructed in the 1980's and earlier.

6. Mona Ryan, Community Development Coordinator requested \$5,000.00 for tenant and landlord mediation services, a Fair Housing activity and also a new program. The only services provided now are in Austin. The city will issue an RFP to solicit counseling services and mirror the program in Austin. The goal is to provide mediation services for approximately 100 tenant/landlord disputes.

7. Cath Martel, Athletics & Aquatics Manager, requested \$30,000.00 for the Play for Life program. This is a new program that promotes physical activities to help fight obesity in youth and scholarships will be available to children from low to moderate income families that are financially unable to participate. The

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goal of this program is to keep kids active in summer programs such as karate and gymnastics. The city would be able to assist approximately 150 kids at a \$200.00 limit per child.

8. Karen Holland, programmer for the Allen Baca Center. The Senior Center requested \$2,000.00 for scholarships for seniors who need financial assistance to participate in classes or with membership fees. Applications are processed for this program and scholarships are awarded to low to moderate citizens on an as needed basis.

9. Karen Holland, programmer for the Allen Baca Center. The Senior Center requested \$8,500.00 for Computer and Audio/Visual Equipment. The City will purchase (5) additional computers at a cost of approximately \$1,700.00 each.

10. Danny Halden, City Engineer. Public Works requested \$428,175.00 for reconstruction Cooke & Moyer Street. This project would reconstruct streets, curb and gutter and sidewalks. Moyer Street is actually a dirt road, no storm sewers, and serves 6-8 residents. The project would include new sewage lines. Linda Sloan, Executive Director for Habitat for Humanity of Greater Round Rock, said the site of their next home construction is located on Moyer Street and she highly supports any improvements.

11. Danny Halden, City Engineer. Public Works requested \$1,100,000.00 for East Main Street reconstruction. This area is a rural section with road side ditches and not enough room for sidewalks. This project would include a storm sewer, curb-inlets, curb and gutter and sidewalks. The project would take approximately 6-9 months to complete.

12. Linda Sloan, Executive Director, for Habitat for Humanity of Greater

Round Rock. Habitat requested \$50,000.00 for land acquisition to provide affordable housing in Round Rock. She estimates Habitat could possibly purchase one or two lots with the money. Private donations of land cannot be secured.

13. Lori Scott, Executive Director, Round Rock Area Serving Center.

The Serving Center requested \$5,000.00 for the Prescription Assistance Program. The CDBG grant would provide 50 persons with \$100.00 for prescriptions. Most participants do not have insurance.

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The Serving Center requested \$7,500.00 for a Walk-In Cooler for the Food Pantry. No walk-in cooler is in place at this time and the pantry uses 12 household refrigerators for perishables.

15. Brenagh Fitzpatrick, Program Assistant, for the Williamson-Burnet

County Opportunities, Inc.(WBCO). WBCO requested \$24,120.00 for an after school and summer child care program for children currently enrolled in Head Start.

There were no further presentations.

4B Consider establishing a subcommittee for Funding Review

All the commissioners expressed an interest in participating in the funding review process. May 23 was the desired meeting date and the date, time, and location would be confirmed by Ryan.

4C Consider staff briefing on the Minor Home Repair Program

Ryan said two properties were currently under construction. Staff will meet with the contractor next week for updates and to discuss change orders.

5A Commissioner Comments

The commissioners stated that more money was needed to funding all the project.

Rodney Howard announced that on May 15th @ 7:00 p.m., a public forum will be hosted by the RRISD to comment on the ongoing Citizen Bond Committee Process

Being no further business discussion, the meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Mona Ryan,
Community Development Coordinator